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MISCELLANEOUS MILITARY INFORMATION

Troops

1. An unidentified artillery and cavalry unit is located at a barracks in the military quarter of Silistra, on Voenna Street. The unit consists of approximately 300 men and is commanded by an unidentified major. Armaments consist of 25-30 Skoda guns, 105 millimeter, some mounted on pneumatic tires and others on two iron wheels, and two or three 50-60 millimeter mortars of German make. Buildings consist of two 2-story constructions about 100 by 25 meters in size and a command building one story high and about 30 by 10 meters in size.
2. A light antiaircraft artillery unit of 500-600 men is located at a barracks on Lenin Street in Kyustendil. The barracks consist of four 1-story buildings about 80 by 20 meters in size. The area occupied is 700 by 400 meters and is enclosed by a barbed wire fence about 1.5 meters high.
3. In the summer of 1952, barracks were constructed approximately one kilometer behind the central station of Kyustendil, between the city and the village of Lozno (N 42-17, E 22-39). An unidentified antiaircraft artillery unit is stationed here.
4. An unidentified artillery and infantry unit occupies barracks 100 meters from the Danube at Vidin in the area of oil fortifications. The buildings consist of two or three 2-story constructions and one 1-story construction. The area is enclosed by a wall and access into the area is forbidden to civilians.
5. [redacted] an unidentified Border Guard unit was lodged in a barracks 200 meters from Vidin, toward the city.

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Training School

6. An engineering officers school is located on Voenna Street in the military quarter of Silistra. [redacted] the course of study is two years. Three or

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four hundred students are enrolled; courses are offered for both regular Army officers and for training complement officers. The commandant of the school is an unidentified lieutenant colonel. Instructors are Bulgarian officers, but Soviet officers make frequent inspections.

7. Buildings consist of two 2-story constructions about 100 by 25 meters in size and one about 40 by 20 meters in size which houses the command. The total area occupied is about 700 by 700 meters and is enclosed by a barbed wire fence approximately 1.5 meters high.

LAW AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION

8. In Bulgaria, lawyers are State employees. Defendants are assigned a lawyer and pay a fee fixed by law. If a defendant wishes an attorney other than the one he is assigned, he must pay a fee 20 percent above the regular amount.
9. Lawyers are required to belong to the legal council, to which they must pay the following sums, based on the amount of fees they earn:
 - a. Up to 100 leva, 20 percent;
 - b. From 100 to 200 leva, 30 percent; and
 - c. From 300 to 1,000 leva, 60 percent.
10. Each legal council of attorneys in the various cities has subordinate groups of lawyers "collectives"; each "collective" consists of about 15 to 20 lawyers.

- 25X1 11. [redacted] magistrates and attorneys are notably influenced by the Communist Party during the course of political trials. Attorneys do not like to defend political prisoners because they cannot freely defend them and also because they face the moral coercion of society. Often the lawyers who defend political cases are later charged with political crimes. During the trials, lawyers assigned to the defense have the fear of losing their balance in the support of their clients.

Legal Studies

12. After completing the four year jurisprudence course at the university, law students are assigned as apprentices for six months to an attorney designated by the legal council. At the end of this period of practice, the students must pass the following examinations:
 - a. Written:
 - (1) Civil law.
 - (2) Criminal law.
 - (3) Political science: Marxism and Leninism (examinations introduced in the 1949-1950 school year).
 - b. Oral:
 - (1) Penal law.
 - (2) Penal practice.
 - (3) Civil law.

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- (4) Civil practice.
- (5) Political science: Marxism and Leninism.
- (6) Other unspecified examinations.

13. In order to be admitted to a "collective", a lawyer must demonstrate true Communist faith. Those with only lukewarm political sentiments are excluded from the profession.

FACTORIES, BRIDGES, CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

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Factories [REDACTED]

14. A woolen spinning mill which employs about 400 workers is located in front of the Valnena Preskha station in Kyustendil.
15. The Dobrudzha Cotton Textile Mill located on Voenna Street in Silistra employs approximately 250 workers.

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New Danube Bridge [REDACTED]

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16. [REDACTED] the bridge under construction at Ruse is to have two levels, one for foot traffic and one for rail traffic across the Danube River. The bridge is located about five kilometers northeast of the city and is to be 2,000 meters long. The width of the river at the bridge is 800 meters.

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17. Approximately 2,000 laborers are employed under the direction of Soviet technicians. [REDACTED] a cement pier already set in the middle of the river, while much hard work was being carried out on the shore.¹

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Customs at the Yugoslav Frontier [REDACTED]

18. The group of Jews crossing the Bulgarian-Yugoslav frontier at Dragoman received the following orders concerning customs regulations:
- a. Prohibition of carrying original documents of any type; only those legalized by a State notary were allowed;
 - b. Export of gems and precious stones were not allowed;
 - c. Gold rings up to 10 grams were allowed;
 - d. Men's gold watches up to 20 grams were allowed;
 - e. Women's gold watches up to 15 grams were allowed;
 - f. Export of any type of electrical items (radios, etc.) was not allowed;
 - g. Export of money, valuables, or bank notes was not allowed; and
 - h. Up to 100 cigarettes were allowed for export, with a 20 percent tax on the cost of the cigarettes.
19. Some of the men crossing the frontier were searched, but none of the women were searched.

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